# Scalable Gaussian Processes with Billions of Inducing Inputs via Tensor Train Decomposition

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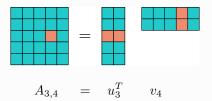
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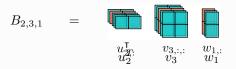
# Tensor Train Decomposition [Oseledets 2011]

Generalizes low rank approximation

Low-Rank



Tensor Train



- Doesn't suffer from curse of dimensionality
- ► Allows fast implementation of linear algebra operations

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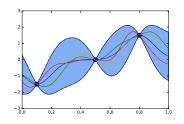
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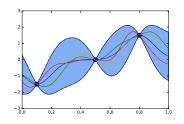
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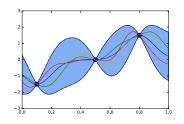
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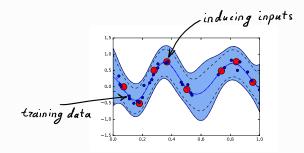


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## Inducing Inputs



Approximate posterior distribution based on inducing inputs

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- Auxiliary observations that approximate the data
- Allow fast approximate inference

## Previous Methods

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- Tensor Train GP (TT-GP) extends KISS-GP to high-dimensional problems
  - Applicable for large n (e.g.  $10^6$ ) and m (e.g.  $10^8$ )
  - ▶ Applicable for larger D (e.g. 10)

## ELBO [Hensman et al. 2013]

Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO) for GP regression:

$$\begin{split} \log p(y) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \log \mathcal{N}(y_i | k_i^T K_{mm}^{-1} \mu, \sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( \tilde{K}_{ii} + \operatorname{tr}(k_i^T K_{mm}^{-1} \Sigma K_{mm}^{-1} k_i) \right) \right) - \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left( \log \frac{|K_{mm}|}{|\Sigma|} - m + \operatorname{tr}(K_{mm}^{-1} \Sigma) + \mu^T K_{mm}^{-1} \mu \right) \to \max_{\mu, \Sigma, \theta, \sigma} \end{split}$$

where

- $K_{mm} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is the covariance matrix computed at the inducing points
- ▶  $k_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the vector of covariances between the *i*-th training object and the inducing points
- $\sigma^2$  is the noise variance
- $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  variational parameters
- $\tilde{K}_{ii}=\delta^2-k_i^TK_{mm}^{-1}k_i$  , where  $\delta^2$  is the prior variance of the process at any point

•  $\theta$  represents kernel hyper-parameters

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## ELBO + KISS-GP [Wilson and Nickisch 2015]

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- Set inducing points on a grid
- Assume product kernel
- $K_{mm}$  is in Kronecker product format
- $k_i \approx K_{mm} w_i$ ,  $w_i$  in Kronecker product format

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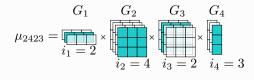
#### • $\mu$ in TT format

•  $\mu$  naturally reshapes to a tensor

## Tensor Train format [Oseledets 2011]

Tensor  $\mu$  is said to be represented in TT format if:

$$\mu(i_1,\ldots,i_D) = \underbrace{G_1[i_1]}_{1 \times r} \underbrace{G_2[i_2]}_{r \times r} \cdots \underbrace{G_D[i_D]}_{r \times 1}, \quad i_k \in \{1,\ldots,m_0\}$$



 $G_k - \mathsf{TT} ext{-cores}, \qquad r - \mathsf{TT} ext{-rank}$ 

▶ TT-format uses  $\mathcal{O}\left(Dm_0r^2\right)$  memory to approximate a tensor with  $m_0^D$  elements

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- Allows efficient implementation of linear algebra operations
- Generalizes Kronecker product format (r = 1)

## TT-GP method

▶ Set inducing points Z on a grid in the feature space.

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- $\blacktriangleright$   $\Sigma$  in Kronecker product format,  $\mu$  in TT format
- Maximize the ELBO wrt to
  - ▶ TT-cores of  $\mu$
  - Kronecker factors of  $\Sigma$
  - kernel hyper-parameters

#### Properties of TT-GP

Computational complexity

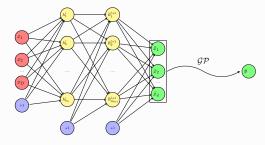
$$\mathcal{O}(nDm^{1/D}r^2 + Dm^{1/D}r^3 + Dm^{3/D});$$

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 $m = m_0^D$ , TT-ranks are on the scale of  $r \approx 10$ ;

- $\blacktriangleright$  In the experiments we use up to  $n\approx 10^6,\,m\approx 10^{10}$
- Computationally tractable for large D
  - For D >> 10 more practical to train embedding

# Deep Kernel Embedding [Wilson et al. 2016]



Given base kernel k, e.g. RBF

$$k(x, x') = \alpha^2 \cdot \exp(-\|x - x'\|^2 / \beta^2),$$

define deep kernel as

$$k_{\mathsf{net}}(x, x') = k(\mathsf{net}(x), \mathsf{net}(x')),$$

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where k is the base kernel, net is a mapping performed by a DNN.

- DNN weights  $\rightarrow$  kernel hyperparameters
- Train as before

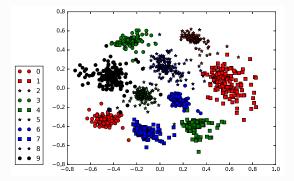
#### Experiments: RBF kernel

Dataset			SVI-GF	SVI-GP / KLSP-GP			TT-GP (Ours)			
Name	n	D	acc.	m	t (s)	acc.	m	d	t (s)	
Powerplant	7654	4	0.94	200	10	0.95	$35^{4}$	-	5	
Protein	36584	9	0.50	200	45	0.56	$30^{9}$	-	40	
YearPred	463K	90	0.30	1000	597	0.32	$10^{6}$	6	105	
Airline	6M	8	$0.665^{*}$	-	-	0.694	$20^{8}$	-	5200	
svmguide1	3089	4	0.967	200	4	0.969	$20^{4}$	-	1	
EEG	11984	14	0.915	1000	18	0.908	$12^{10}$	10	10	
covtype bin	465K	54	0.817	1000	320	0.852	$10^{6}$	6	172	

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- ▶ SVI-GP [Hensman et al. 2013]
- ▶ KLSP-GP [Hensman et al. 2015]

## Experiments: Deep Kernel Embedding



Learned representation for the Digits dataset, n = 1797, D = 64

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#### Experiments: Deep kernels

Dataset		SV-DKL	DNN		TT-GP			
Name	n	acc.	acc.	t (s)	acc.	d	t (s)	
Airline CIFAR-10 MNIST	$6M \\ 50K \\ 60K$	0.781 	0.780 <b>0.915</b> 0.993	$1055 \\ 166 \\ 23$	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{0.788} \pm \textbf{0.002} \\ 0.908 \pm 0.003 \\ \textbf{0.9936} \pm \textbf{0.0004} \end{array}$	$   \begin{array}{c}     2 \\     9 \\     10   \end{array} $	$1375 \\ 220 \\ 64$	

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▶ SV-DKL — [Wilson et al. 2016]

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